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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 7 REFTEL:

2. A. ALGERIA'S PRIMARY GENERAL MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN OHOUY WILL BE TO CONTINUE ITS FIGHT IN ALL FORA OF NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC DIALOGUE -- AND SPECIFICALLY AT CIEC -- FOR RESTRUCTURING ON WORLDS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ORDER FOR BENFIT OF DEVELOPING THIRD WORLD AND TO MAINTAIN ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN FOREFRONT OF NONALIGNED GROUP'S ATTACK ON "WESTERN IMPERIALISTS" ON POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. PAST ALGERIAN PERFORMANCES IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, FOR EXAMPLE AT POPULATION MEETING IN BUCHAREST, FAO MEETING IN ROME, SEVENTY-SEVEN MEETING AT LIMA, PAST ILO, OAS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS, AS WELL AS ALGERIA'S ACTION IN ALLOWING SOVIET ANGOLAN AIRLIFT STOP OFF AT ALGIERS, INDICATE THAT AS SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS COME UP WE CAN GENERALLY XPCT TO FIND ALGERIANS ON OPPOSITE SIDE FROM US. ALGERIAN SPONSORD NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AT LAST UNGA, THEY HAVE SPEARHEADED DEVELOPMENT OF OPEC POTICIES; THEY VOTED FOR ALL COLONIZATION RESOLUTIONS AT UNGA. ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE REPLACED AS HEAD OF NONALIGNED
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MOVEMENT ALGERIANS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN

FORMULATING AND PUSHING THIRD WORLD REVOLUTIONARY POLICY AND STRATEGY.

4. DESPITE PAST KNEE JERK REACTION TO OPPOSE US, HOWEVER, ALGERIANS HAVE PROVEN COOPERATIVE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. ESPITE PASSIONATE ATTACHMENT TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND DEEP SUSPICION OF US INTERESTS AND POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST THEY HAVE REFRAINED FROM DIRECT CRITICISM ON OR OPPOSITION TO SINI II ACCORD. THEY TELL US THEY WILL NOT JOIN REJECTIONIST FRONT AN REMAIN PREPARED GIVE US MIDDLE EAST POLICY A CHANCE.

5. ITS SPECIFIC NATIONAL GOAL IN MULTILATERAL FORA WILL BE TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCPTANCE FOR ITS PROTEGE, THE POLISARIO-SAHRAOUI DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC WHICH IS FIGHTING MOROCCO IN THE EX-SPANISH SAHARA. IT FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE MAY DIVERT ALGERIAN ENERGIES FROM OTHER SPECIFIC ISSUES. INsofar AS THEY PERCEIVE US TO BE THWARTING THEIR OBJECTIVES IN THE SAHARA, HOWEVER, THEY MAY WELL SHARPEN THEIR ATTACKS ON US ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

6. WHILE ALGERIANS ARE UNLIKELY TO BREAK OUT OF SUCH NON-ALIGNED-ARAB-OAU-OPEC CON EN USES AS DEVELOP, THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO INFLUENCE POSITION ADOPTED BY THESE PROGRAMS. IN PAST ALGERIANS HAVE WIELDED CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON THE FORMATION OF NONALIGNED POLICIES BY THOROUGH PREPARATION, HARD WORK, DOGMATISM, PROMISES OF OIL WEALTH, IMAGE AS BRIDGE BETWEEN AFRICA AND ARAB WORLD, AND BY BOUMIEN BEING HEAD OF NONALIGNED AND FOMIN BOUTFLIKA SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF UNGA.

7. RECENTLY ALGERIANS SEEM TO HAVE HAD LESS SUCCESS AND TO HAVE BEEN LESS EAGER TO PUSH THEIR VIEWS. THEY WERE ON SIDE OF MODERATES AT LAST FALL'S OPEC MEETING AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED SURPRISING MODERATION T UNGA LAST CIEC MEETING IN PARIS. THEY NO LONGER SEEM ABLE TO RALLY OR BULLY OTHER COUNTRIES AS THEY HAVE IN PAST. ALGERIANS ARE ENCOUNTERING FINANCING PRESSURES AND RE FOCUSED ON MAGHREB POLICIES AS RESULT OF SAHARA DISPUTE. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE REACTED BADLY TO ALGERIA'S BULLDOZING TACTICS, SPLIT BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING THIRD WORLD AND REST OF DLCS HAVE LESSENED THEIR INFLUENCE.

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8. ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS USUALLY RE WELL PREPARED WITH STUDIES, POSITION PP, INSTRUCTIONS, DRAFT PROPOSALS, AND HAVE CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THEY WANT AND HOW TO GO ABOUT PUSHING IT THROUGH. BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY PREPARED, ONCE AT MEETING, DELEGATIONS APPEAR TO BE LEFT PRETTY MUCH ON THEIR OWN TO MAKE DECISIONS AS MEETINGS EVOLVE..

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10. E.; ALGERIA IS NOT NORMALLY RECEPTIVE TO US REPRESENTATIONS ON MOST MULTILATERAL ISSUES; THEIR POSITIONS ARE USUALLY FORE-ORDAINED IN OPPOSITION TO US. GOA DO NOT BOTHER APPROACH EMBASSY ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. WHILE ALGERIAN RARELY "INTERACT" WITH US,

ALL THAT GENERALLY MEANS IS THAT THEY LISTEN POLITELY TO US BUT THEIR POSITIONS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

11. THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS. ALGERIANS HAVE DEMONSTRATED CONSISTENT MORATION AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH US AT CIEC MEETINGS IN PARIS, UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ENJOYS EXCEPTIONAL ACCESS TO AND CONFIDENCE OF ALGERIANS IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. OUR APPROACHES TO ALGERIAN ON PUERTO RICO, GUAM, AND VIRGIN ISLANDS ISSUES HAVE AT LEAST BROUGHT FORTH PROMISE THAT WHILE ALGERIANS HVE TO VOTE AGAINST US OECD E OF BLOC PRESSURES AND

THIRD WORLD ROLE, THEY WILL NOT TAKE INITIATIVE OR PRESS SUCH ISSUES WHICH THEY RECOGNIZE AS INTERNAL US MATTERS. LYNE

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